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SUBJECT: SALISBURY DISTURBANCES

1. SALISBURY TOWNSHIP RIOTS INVOLVING SUPPORTERS OF RIVAL ANC Factions and DEATH TOLL FOLLOWING RIOTERS CLASH WITH POLICE OVER WEEKEND FEATURED IN ZAMBIAN PRESS MONDAY AND TUESDAY. FONMIN SPOKESMAN STRONGLY CONDEMNED "EXCESSIVE POLICE ACTION" WHICH RESULTED IN 13 AFRICAN DEATHS. TIMES OF ZAMBIA TERMED SHOOTINGS "BRUTAL AND COLD-BLOODED MURDER" DELIBERATELY INTENDED TO UNDERMINE MORALE OF RHODESIAN AFRICANS IN GENERAL AND ANC IN PARTICULAR.

2. ZAMBIAN PRESS, INTERESTINGLY, IS SPLIT IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD ROOT CAUSES OF RIOTS. GRZ OWNED DAILY MAIL FINDS IT "DISTRESSING" THAT ZANU ELEMENTS LIKE ENOS NKALA ARE USING KILLINGS AS REASON FOR SOWING DISUNITY AMONG ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE. APPEALING FOR ANC UNITY, MAIL URGES UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER FORMER ZANU ELEMENTS WITHIN ANC NOT TO JOIN NKALA

IN HIS THREAT TO BOYCOTT ANC CONGRESS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 21-22. ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE BY "A SALISBURY CORRESPONDENT" ALSO CRITICAL OF ANC FOR ORGANIZING SALISBURY DEMONSTRATIONS. ARTICLE ALSO STRESSES THAT DECISION TO CONVENE LONG-DELAYED ANC CONGRESS WAS ADOPTED BY "OVERWHELMING" VOTE OF 60-MAN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. LATTER'S DECISION TO CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH SMITH ON CONDITIONS (BUT NOT PRINCIPLES) FOR HOLDING CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS ALSO SUPPORTED AS ENABLING ANC AVOID BEING PUSHED INTO DIPLOMATIC CORNER BY SMITH ULTIMATUM TO ANC TO START TALKING OR ELSE HE WILL OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH TRADITIONAL CHIEFS.

3. TIMES OF ZAMBIA ALSO APPEALS FOR ANC UNITY BUT ASSERTS THAT TO HOLD CONGRESS NOW WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR UNITY. "ANY LEADERS WHO THINK OTHERWISE ARE DELIBERATELY TRYING TO IMPEDE PROGRESS TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE."

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